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SUBJECT: FIRST CONGRESS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH

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SUMMARY: THE FIRST CONGRESS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH, SPONSORED BY THE SOMOZA LIBERAL YOUTH, ENDED JANUARY 19. THE CONGRESS WAS MARKED BY REPEATED STRONG DENUNCIATIONS OF CUBAN AND SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, ONE SURPRISINGLY STRONG ATTACK ON COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE CHURCH, AND THE FORMATION OF A CENTRAL AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION TO COMBAT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE UNIVERSITIES. END SUMMARY

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1. THE FIRST CONGRESS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC

YOUTH, SPONSORED BY THE SOMOZA LIBERAL YOUTH, A LIBERAL PARTY ORGANIZATION, OPENED JANUARY 16 IN A HALF-FILLED MANAGUA THEATER. DELEGATES FROM ALL THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES PLUS PANAMA, CHILE, MEXICO, PARAGUAY, VIETNAM AND THE CUBAN EXILES WERE PRESENT. SPEAKERS AT THE OPENING SESSION INCLUDED ANDRES NOZARIO SARGENTO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CUBAN EXILE GROUP ALPHA 66, RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE, ROGER PEARSON, DIRECTOR OF THE US COUNCIL OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, AND PRESIDENT SOMOZA, THE CONGRESS WAS ENTIRELY A LIBERAL PARTY AFFAIR AS THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY DECLINED AN INVITATION TO SEND A SPEAKER.

2. THE SPEAKERS ALL WARRIED OF THE THREAT TO LIBERTY POSED BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND WERE UNANIMOUS IN DECLARING THIS THREAT TO BE GREATER NOW THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST DECADE. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE NEED FOR YOUTH TO UNITE AGAINST COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE DANGER POSED BY MARXIST PROFESSORS WHO CONFUSE AND PERVERT THE THINKING OF IMPRESSIONABLE STUDENTS. MOST OF THE SPEECHES WERE ALSO REplete WITH PRAISE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA AND FOR HIS AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO STEP UP THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNISM. THE ALLEGED BIAS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS IN CONDEMNING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN FREE COUNTRIES BUT NOT IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WAS CONDEMNED, AS WAS THE PROPOSITION THAT THE FREE WORLD COULD PURSUE A POLICY OF DETENTE WITH AN ENEMY COMMITTED TO ITS DESTRUCTION. ROGER PEARSON, THE ONLY AMERICAN PRESENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN AFFILIATE OF THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE, THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, CONDEMNED DETENTE AND THE MILITARY WEAKENING OF THE FREE WORLD.

3. PRESIDENT SOMOZA CONDEMNED COMMUNISM AS IDEOLOGICAL IMPERIALISM FINANCED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNIST CHINA. HE DESCRIBED CUBA AS A RUSSIAN COLONY WHICH CONTINUED TO WORK FOR THE SUBVERSION OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HE CITED ANGOLA AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE DANGER

POSED BY CUBA WHICH, AS A SATELLITE OF RUSSIA, HAS DISLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PATCHED THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS TO DISTANT AFRICA AFTER HAVING DENIED FOR MANY YEARS IT EVIDENT SUBVERSION IN LATIN AMERICA. HE OBSERVED THAT WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE INTERNATIONAL LAW IS NONEXISTENT, WHERE THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED, AND WHERE ANY COUNTRY CAN INTERVENE WITH ITS ALLIED FORCES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER. THE INTERVENTION OF CUBA IN ANGOLA AND OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE ARAB COUN-

TRIES, MUST BE CONDEMNED. DEMOCRACY, HE SAID, MUST BE SUPPORTED
AS THE ONLY IDEOLOGY THAT ALLOWS THE PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN
CONTROL OF THEIR DESTINY.

4. THE FOLLOWING DAY," JANUARY 17, THE CONGRESS SPLIT INTO
FIVE COMMISSIONS TO STUDY, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING
THESES: 1) PERSPECTIVES OF CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION; 2)

STRATEGY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN YOUTH AGAINST COMMUNIST
IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERVENTION; 3) HIS-
TORICAL COMMITMENT OF CENTRAL AMERICAN YOUTH; AND 4)
THE FORMATION OF AN ANTI-COMMUNIST CENTRAL AMERICAN
YOUTH ORGANIZATION. THIS LAST OBJECTIVE WAS ACCOMPLISHED
WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONIES
JANUARY 19 OF THE FORMATION OF THE FEDERATION OF NATIONALIST
YOUTH OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. THIS ORGANI-

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ZATION IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY, WITH CHESTER ESCOBAR, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOMOZA LIBERAL YOUTH AND ORGANIZER OF THE CONGRESS, AS PRESIDENT AND CARLOS FUENTES OF GUATEMALA AS VICE-PRESIDENT. ITS ANNOUNCED OBJECTIVE IS TO RESCUE UNIVERSITIES FROM THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNISTS, TO OPPOSE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IN THE UNIVERSITIES, AND TO DIRECT UNIVERSITY YOUTH AWAY FROM COMMUNISM.

5. REPRESENTATIVES OF CHILE, GUATEMALA, VIETNAM, THE SOMOZA LIBERAL YOUTH AND THE NICARAGUAN MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT ANTONIO MORA ROSTRAN, SUBBING FOR PRESIDENT SOMOZA, SPOKE AT THE CLOSING. JOSE PAYAN, SECRETARY OF THE CONGRESS, ACCUSED THE CHURCH OF HAVING BEEN PENETRATED BY COMMUNISTS. HE CHARGED THAT UNDER THE NAME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF PROGRESSIVE RELIGION SOME COMMUNIST PRIESTS SEEK TO PRODUCE DISOBEDIENCE TO ECCLESIASTICAL AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES, CONVERTING THEIR PULPITS INTO ROSTRUMS OF SUBVERSION, PREACHING HATE INSTEAD OF LOVE, FOMENTING CLASS STRUGGLE AND DESTROYING THE GENUINE SPIRIT OF RELIGION IN ORDER TO SUBSTITUTE ATHEISTIC MARXISM. MORA DWELLED ON THE TRAGEDY OF CUBA'S CONVERSION INTO A RUSSIAN COLONY AND REPEATED THE CONDEMNATION OF CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

6. IN ITS SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS THE CONGRESS:
---EXPRESSED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE DEMOCRATIC POLICIES OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA;
---SUPPORTED DEMOCRATIC LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS WHO ARE SLANDERED BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES WHOSE INTERESTS COINCIDE WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM;
---DEMONSTRATED CONCERN FOR THE INCREASING PERVERSION OF THE CONCEPTS OF UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY AND FREEDOM OF INSTRUCTION, WHICH HAVE BEEN USED BY MARXIST STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS TO CREATE A STATE WITHIN A STATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBVERTING THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM THEY LIVE IN;
---DENOUNCED THE SMALL GROUP OF PSEUDO-INTELLECTUALS, PSEUDO-ARTISTS AND PSEUDO-JOURNALISTS WHOSE WORKS, PUBLISHED AND APPLAUDED BY AN IRRESPONSIBLE PRESS, REPRESENTS A GRAVE THREAT TO THE CULTURAL LEGACY OF OUR ANCESTORS, SCOFFING AT THE DESIRES OF YOUTH FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS THROUGH WORK AND STUDY.
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